

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1501**  
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Add at the end the following new title:

1           **TITLE \_\_\_\_—RIGHTS TO**  
2           **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

3   **SEC. \_\_\_\_ FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds the following:

5           (1) The Declaration of Independence declares  
6       that governments are instituted to secure certain  
7       unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the  
8       pursuit of happiness, with which all human beings  
9       are endowed by their Creator and to which they are  
10      entitled by the laws of nature and of nature's God.

11          (2) The organic laws of the United States Code  
12      and the constitutions of every State, using various  
13      expressions, recognize God as the source of the  
14      blessings of liberty.

15          (3) The First Amendment to the Constitution  
16      of the United States secures rights against laws re-  
17      specting an establishment of religion or prohibiting  
18      the free exercise thereof made by the United States  
19      Government.

20          (4) The rights secured under the First Amend-  
21      ment have been interpreted by courts of the United

1 States Government to be included among the provi-  
2 sions of the Fourteenth Amendment.

3 (5) The Tenth Amendment reserves to the  
4 States respectively the powers not delegated to the  
5 United States Government nor prohibited to the  
6 States.

7 (6) Disputes and doubts have arisen with re-  
8 spect to public displays of the Ten Commandments  
9 and to other public expression of religious faith.

10 (7) Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment  
11 grants the Congress power to enforce the provisions  
12 of the said amendment.

13 (8) Article I, Section 8, grants the Congress  
14 power to constitute tribunals inferior to the Supreme  
15 Court, and Article III, Section 1, grants the Con-  
16 gress power to ordain and establish courts in which  
17 the judicial power of the United States Government  
18 shall be vested.

19 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RELIGIOUS LIBERTY RIGHTS DECLARED.**

20 (a) DISPLAY OF TEN COMMANDMENTS.—The power  
21 to display the Ten Commandments on or within property  
22 owned or administered by the several States or political  
23 subdivisions thereof is hereby declared to be among the  
24 powers reserved to the States respectively.

1       (b) EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS FAITH.—The expres-  
2 sion of religious faith by individual persons on or within  
3 property owned or administered by the several States or  
4 political subdivisions thereof is hereby—

5           (1) declared to be among the rights secured  
6 against laws respecting an establishment of religion  
7 or prohibiting the free exercise of religion made or  
8 enforced by the United States Government or by any  
9 department or executive or judicial officer thereof;  
10 and

11          (2) declared to be among the liberties of which  
12 no State shall deprive any person without due proc-  
13 ess of law made in pursuance of powers reserved to  
14 the States respectively.

15       (c) EXERCISE OF JUDICIAL POWER.—The courts  
16 constituted, ordained, and established by the Congress  
17 shall exercise the judicial power in a manner consistent  
18 with the foregoing declarations.